

SNC Reference Number
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PROJECT SUMMARY

County: Region-wide

Applicant: Friends of the River (fiscal sponsor for California Hydropower Reform Coalition)

Project Title: Sierra Nevada Hydroelectric License Implementation Project

PROJECT GOAL

- 1. Determine license implementation best practices, and develop an implementation monitoring and evaluation plan.**
- 2. Ensure the implementation of key environmental and recreational enhancement components of hydropower license settlement agreements.**

PROJECT SCOPE

There are two categories of activities:

- 1. Hydropower License Implementation Workshops:** CHRC will organize and conduct workshops to determine license implementation best practices: what's worked and what hasn't, including developing more actionable, durable license language, developing a collaborative implementation ethic, and developing an implementation monitoring and evaluation plan. The participants will include licensees, government agencies, and NGOs. Licensees and agencies have expressed support for conducting the workshops. This effort will include pre-workshop stakeholder meetings to scope key issues and strategies, and the development of issue-specific written materials.
- 2. Project Specific License Implementation:** The goal is to ensure the implementation of key environmental and recreational enhancement components of several hydropower license settlement agreements. CHRC has helped to secure hydropower license settlement agreements on a number of projects. We have learned, however, that it is critical to remain engaged with licensees and other stakeholders to provide needed input and ensure the terms of the agreements are implemented. For example, on Rock Creek Cresta we are working closely with PG&E and other stakeholders to determine an appropriate flow schedule per the adaptive management agreement and are working collaboratively to ensure the construction of improved boating access. We are involved in similar activities on the other license implementations.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

California Energy Commission, El Dorado Irrigation District, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee

SNC PROJECT DELIVERABLES AND SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Hydropower license implementation best practices	Nov 09
Hydropower license implementation monitoring and evaluation plan	April 09
Multiple finalized plans*	various end dates
Recreational facilities and access constructed below Pit 3 and 4 dams	Oct 09
Recreational facilities and access constructed for Pit 1 project	Aug 09
Silver Lake dam outlet repair	Oct 09
Implementation of various plans*	various end dates
Interim grant report	June 09
Final grant report	Dec 09
* Too many plans to list separately	

SNC PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
INCLUDE COSTS FOR STAFF, TASKS, DELIVERABLES AND PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES	\$
Cumulative project staff time	\$86,300
License implementation workshop: rent venue, hire facilitator, travel, workshop materials	\$3,000
Project specific license implementation: travel, phones, printing	\$6,000
Performance measure reporting	\$2,000
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SNC GRANT TOTAL	\$97,300